

## CARING FOR THE UNKNOWN

Patriotic Work Undertaken by German Women That Is of Real Service to the Fatherland.

A correspondent of the Companion in Germany writes of a touching thing that the lonely women of the nation have done—women who have no sons, no husband, no brother, no father in the war; who are perhaps too old or too feeble to nurse or to be otherwise active. No one knows where the idea started, but some women of that sort made inquiries of the regiments regarding soldiers who had no father or mother; they begged to be put in communication with those soldiers.

The names of soldiers were sent to these women, this strange name and that, the names of men whom they did not know and had never seen. Each woman chose one or two soldiers to be her special care. The childless mothers sent gifts, and sewed and knitted for the motherless soldiers. Now and then came, in return, a grateful post card from the field from the adopted son. Once I read one of the cards.

"Many thanks, dear friend," it read, "for the package of warm things. Imagine my surprise! The mail arrived! I expected nothing, but I was the only one to receive a package—alone, the orphan! From you I received the only package I ever got in my life!"

Eight days later the orphan soldier boy fell, a comrade brought the news, and a gentle, lonely soul wept for him, whom she had never known. He had been the means of forming a strong tie that bound in imagination a woman's silent life with the mighty fate of her country. She who had never been a mother had become a volunteer mother—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

## TOOK SPLINTER FROM HEART

Extraordinary Operation That French Surgeons Are Reported to Have Successfully Carried Out.

An operation unique in the annals of surgery, the extraction of a fragment of hand-grenade from the heart, was described recently at the Paris Academy of Medicine by Professor Armand Gaudet.

The patient, a young Parisian sergeant of rather delicate constitution, who was present at the session, was wounded at St. Hubert, in the Argonne, on October 3. A splinter one-half inch square and one-eighth inch thick lodged in the heart, where it remained four and a half months. On February 17 Dr. Maurice Boissac, chief of the ambulance in the Rue Jacques Dufour, Neully, undertook to extract it.

Once the heart was laid open the difficulties began. The fragment was very awkward to catch, and slipped from the forceps several times before it could be extracted, but the heart continued to beat all the time. Although complications were feared, everything went well, and the sergeant could be considered cured a month after. Members of the academy were able to see for themselves that the heart was now acting normally, and that a cure had been established beyond all doubt.

## Sovereigns and Their Fortunes.

Economy is advised, even among cabinet ministers and law officers, who are asked to diminish their demands on the public purse. But what of the monarchs and their income? We have heard something of the diminution of the Kaiser's private fortune owing to the war. But even with his fifty royal residences and interests in all manner of businesses, he has never been the richest monarch in the world. That honor has always belonged to the czar, who on his accession came into the Romanoff private estate, yielding about two millions a year. Beyond that his "salary" amounted to another two millions, besides many profitable investments abroad. There were small expenses to be deducted, such as some £500,000 a year to grand dukes and duchesses. But when everything had been taken into account, the czar remained the richest monarch in the world, far ahead of the Turkish sultan, with his million and a half, or our own king, who is the poorest in pelf and palaces of all the Old World potentates.—Westminster Gazette.

## Submarine Attack.

Submarines are not afraid to attack a hostile warship from a favorable position, but owing to their very small power of resistance to gun fire, and that their only offensive weapon against warships is the torpedo, the guns they carry being of such small caliber as to be of no avail against a vessel protected in any way, they cannot attack them boldly on the surface of the water. Hence they are obliged to maneuver until they reach a position whence they can effectively discharge a torpedo, and at this time are necessarily submerged.

The periscope is one thing that indicates the position of a submarine; another, when completely submerged, is the line she makes which is visible on the surface of the water.

## Lublin an Old City.

Lublin, now in the occupation of the Austro-German forces, may escape something of the fate which came in an earlier day, for it was once plundered by the Mongols. It is a very old city—its cathedral dates from the thirteenth century—and at one time it was a great commercial center. The treaty of union between Lithuania and Poland was signed there in 1569.

## AMERICAN TROOPS FIGHTING IN HAITI



Bluejackets from the United States ship Washington are here shown ashore near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, attacking a party of rebels in the bush. The American forces have now about restored order in the black republic.

## DISCOUNT ON CZAR'S CHECK

Painter Learned Something About How Business is Conducted in the Realm of Nicholas.

When Professor Tuxen, the Danish artist, had finished his great work, "The Coronation of Edward VII," he received, it appears, an order from the Russian emperor for a copy of this painting, for which the czar was to pay 12,000 rubles.

In due course the professor repaired to Petrograd to deliver the painting. He was granted an audience with the czar, who expressed his satisfaction with the picture and who handed the professor an order for the sum agreed upon.

When the professor presented the check for payment he was told that an order from the emperor was subject to a discount, and he had, therefore, to accept a sum considerably smaller than the face value of the check.

Before his departure from Russia the professor had a farewell audience with the czar, who in the course of conversation asked him: "Did you get your money, professor?"

Professor Tuxen replied that he had not intended to mention the matter, but since his majesty himself raised the question he would say that he had received only part of the money.

At this the czar seemed not at all surprised, but calmly made out another order for the sum which had been deducted from the original amount, and thus Tuxen got his money.—Washington Star.

## SHOWED GLASS ON BABIES

Mother and Children at New York Deluged With Shattered Panes When Trains Crash.

While shutting an empty train to the center track for storage at Third Avenue and One Hundred and Fifth street a motorman, who gave his name as John Doe, twenty-six of 248 Powers avenue, Bronx, rammed another empty train ahead of him. The crash was heard for many blocks and broken glass showered to the street.

Someone turned in a fire alarm, and an ambulance was also summoned from Harlem hospital.

Motorman "Doe" was slightly cut on the neck, but refused medical aid. Mrs. Peter Corey of 415 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, who was passing below the structure with her five children, received a shower of glass, which filled the baby carriage.

She fainted from the shock, but was able to go home. Neither she nor the children received a wound.—New York World.

## Can't Find Ugly Woman.

Of course, there are no homely girls in Pittsburgh, so this item will not interest the fair sex of the steel city. It is merely written to show how concealed are the New York girls. A theatrical manager offers the chance of a lifetime for the most homely woman in existence, but so far not one has come to the front to prove she is a perfect bear. If this frightful example of reverse beauty is ever found there is awaiting her a big part in a costly production, fame, money and a theatrical future. The author who wrote this homely woman part knew his New York all right and he assumed there would be no difficulty finding such a person for the role.

But he failed to reckon with the alarming lookers, for they have passed the buck to their sisters of still uglier facial construction. In the meantime the theatrical manager has reached the stage where he does not care whether the ugly woman has ever had any stage experience before. He will accept for the part only one who can produce a warty proboscis, the knock-knees, the straight hair, the absent chin, the flapping ears, the spear elbows, the ham hands and the steepchase smile.—New York Correspondent of Pittsburgh Dispatch.

## Quotation Often in Order.

A great man quotes heavily, and will not draw on his invention when his memory serves him with a word as good.—Emerson.

## GRADES IN MEXICAN ARMY

American Woman Learned Something From Visit Paid Her by a Detachment of Villistas.

Some years ago a humorous story went the rounds of the newspapers, about a young lady who, at a gathering of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, held her head exceedingly high, explaining her haughty demeanor on the ground that she was descended from a bona fide private soldier—the only private she was convinced, in the Revolutionary times. The following incident would seem to indicate that the Mexicans who are fighting today are almost as well-offered as the patriot army of the young lady's lively family.

An American woman—now safe in the states—wrote that five soldiers of the Villistas following one day rode in a hot train to her home. They were very decent fellows, and made no hostile still, in the absence of her husband, it seemed only wise to give them plenty of food and drink, also to yield gracefully to the request of one of the number, who said he was the captain, for the "loan" of a blanket.

Pretty soon a second warrior intimated that he, too, could use a blanket to advantage in his campaigning, adding that he, too, was captain. When a third made the same request, also announcing his rank as that of captain, their hostess paused in her distribution of blankets.

"Tell me," she inquired politely, "is this entire detachment composed of captains?"

"Oh, no, senora," replied the one who had first spoken. "I am Captain Primero, this is Captain Segundo, and that is Captain Tercero. These"—indicating the two remaining—are the private soldiers."

And at this the admiring seniors, according to her own account, at once gave a blanket to each of the two "high privates" in the rear rank—moved by sympathy with them for being captained first, secondly, and even thirdly, and also by admiration of them as being such rare birds.—Youth's Companion.

## REAL MONEY FROM THE OCEAN

Fishing Grounds Yield Abundance of Profit to Those Who Can Take Advantage of Them.

When one hears of the discovery of a new gold mine one is very apt to wink the other eye and hold a trifle tighter to the pocketbook. Also there is no very great rush to the scene. But it is a different story when some altruist fisherman discovers new fishing grounds and lets the world know of it. Then there is a real rush of fishing boats, for the owners thereof know that such new discoveries are often real gold mines.

Such has proved to be the case with the new halibut grounds discovered in the Pacific, lying due west from North Head, Wash., from 27 to 35 miles off the mouth of the Columbia river. These grounds, whose area and exact location are yet unknown, probably constitute a veritable bank lying immediately between two areas which the bureau of fisheries surveyed with the steamer Albatross last year.

They are reported to be from 50 to 95 fathoms deep and are beyond the 100-fathom line given on the charts.

A small vessel fishing out of Puget sound caught 18,000 pounds of halibut on these grounds in one day, the largest single day's take this vessel had ever made. During the three weeks ended June 2, 1915, over 200,000 pounds of halibut were brought in from the new gold mines of the ocean.

## Iodine for Treating Wounds.

Many inquiries reach the editor of this page on how best to apply iodine to a cut or abrasion in order to prevent it from becoming infected. One of the most convenient methods is to use a stick impregnated with iodine. These can be obtained at any drug store. They come in bunches packed twenty in a small glass tube. The tip of each stick has a head like a match, made of resublimated iodine

60 per cent, and iodide of potassium 40 per cent. This when dipped in water liberates an average 10 per cent solution which should be applied freely to the cut and left to dry.

In using iodine it is essential to remember that no wet dressing may be applied. Exposure to the air will do no harm, and the sore should be covered only when there is danger of it being irritated by coming in contact with foreign bodies and thus being torn open.

## Discovering Borax.

Nobel's accidental discovery of dynamite has a number of parallels. The value of one of our chief preservatives was made known by a traveler in Yellowstone Park coming upon the dead body of a horse. The animal must have been dead a considerable time, yet the body was perfectly preserved, and this arousing his curiosity led to an examination of a peculiar dust with which it was covered. It proved to be borax, hitherto used only in glazing linen, but destined by that accidental discovery to become one of the most used of chemical compounds in many fields of industry.

## Lucky English Angler.

A lucky angler, on the first experience of fishing, has caught at Staines, England, a golden tench, stated to be the first caught in the Thames for the last 20 years. It was 14 inches long and weighed one pound and fourteen ounces.

## FAVORS LARGE NAVY



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Senator Lee S. Overman, chairman of the senate rules committee and one of the administration leaders in the senate, has announced himself as a supporter of a program for military preparedness. The senator called at the White House a few days ago and after his call announced his position on the matter. "I am for a large navy for the United States and I am heartily in favor of legislation that will make our coast defenses strong enough to ward off all kinds of attacks from the sea," said he. This picture shows Senator Overman leaving the White House executive offices.

Declares Cenopus Central Sun. Cenopus, the largest star known, with a luminosity 47,000 times that of the sun, is invisible from the northern hemisphere. O. R. Walkley, an English astronomer, advances testimony of great length to prove it the central sun of the universe, about which all other stars revolve.

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